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This is a response to a first Office Action in this application having a mailing date of 02/23/2003 and setting forth a shortened period for response of three months which would expire on 05/23/03. In response to the office action, the undersigned has to admit that the office action is the most critical of almost every word in the specification and the claims and the total disclosure ever received by the undersigned. Nevertheless, the applicant will answer the above identified office action following the numerical sequence of the paragraphs.

Applicant notices the first paragraph after the heading **"detailed Action"**

The examiner is informed that the application at hand was prepared by a Patent Agent who is now of record in this case. It is believed that the application at hand was prepared in a professional way and manner and following the PTO's rules and regulations. The mere fact that an agent or attorney is not mentioned in the application papers should not cause the examiner to automatically assume that there is no professional counsel. Therefore, the form paragraph 17.01 is misplaced in this Office Action.

1. The examiner states: "that the specification to which the oath or declaration is directed has not been adequately identified". The applicant does not understand what the examiner's problem is with this paragraph of the MPEP.

The applicant clearly stated in the Oath and Declaration: Forms PTO/SB/01 (1 of 2) and Form PTO/SB o1 (2 of 2) in the preprinted section of this form that what the examiner says is missing, is not.

Where in the MPEP does it state that the applicant's signature must include a notary's signature?

Where in the MPEP and anywhere else is there requirement for a notary seal?